

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

To the brethren interested I will say that all those who desire to attend the Milford dedication, can get half fare on the Michigan and Wabash R. R., by applying at your station and let your agent know that you desire to attend the Milford meeting. Those coming off of other roads will get the same rates as those who lived on the W. M. C. R. R. line. I will try and get half fare on the Lake Shore also.

J. C. CRIFE.
Dowagiac, Mich. [two weeks.]

Our protracted meeting at the Trent meeting-house, Somerset Co., Pa. is now among the things of the past, but will be remembered in the future by those who were permitted to attend. The communion meeting on the 10th was very largely attended. It was one of the most pleasant meetings I ever enjoyed. The house alluded to above is about one-half mile from Griffin Station, five miles east of Somerset on the B. & O. branch road leading from Somerset to Johnstown.

Our Brethren have lately bought the interest the German Baptists had in the House and now have full control. Brother Spanogle who was locked out at one time need fear no more about the matter. Bro. J. H. Knepper is their pastor and any of our ministers who can stop off and preach for them at any time will find a warm welcome. Thanks to all for kindness shown.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.
Jones Mills, Pa., Oct. 13th.

After the camp meeting at San Joaquin Bridge, which was so well described, and at length, by Bro. P. J. Brown, in the issue of Sept. 29th, he in company with Bro. J. W. Beer and others came to our place and held meetings for two days, Bro. Brown doing the preaching. During the services on Sunday the house was filled to overflowing, and the congregation was very attentive to hear the gospel from the lips of Bro. B.

We hope much good may come from the visit of the Brethren here. When we came to the parting, we felt that we had made the acquaintance of one of God's own ministers. May he live long to preach the Gospel of peace.

M. B. GRISWOLD.
Altamont, Cal.

THANKS:—My wife and I hereby tender our thanks to the brethren and sisters of Jones Mills church for a present of a good suit of clothes for each of us, some eatables, &c. We pray God that they may never get weary in well doing, and that their compassion may never be closed against the poor; and that they may always remember that the Lord loveth a cheerful giver; and that when they and their poor minister and wife are done laboring on earth and meet at the judgment we may all hear Christ say, come ye blessed. For this let us labor. We are now at Bro. Wm. Trent's in Somerset Co., Pa. Came here on Friday last and intend to stay until after the communion meeting at this place, which will be on next Sunday eve. the 10th.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.
MARY HILDEBRAND.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Bro. Fitzgerald came to our place the 28th of September, and preached a little over one week. The result was six additions; four from the G. B.'s and two by baptism. We now number ten and I must say our meetings were just grand, and was sorry we had to close so soon. We think our brother has made a good opening here for a church. He has promised to come back soon. Pray for us brethren and sisters, that we may hold out faithful and be a shining light.

W. H. WAGONER.
Somerset, Ind., Oct. 11th.

LANARK, ILL., Oct. 11.—We had communion services on Sunday evening the 10th, with more communicants than ever before and more of a congregation. I think I am safe in saying it was the largest assembly we ever had. The house was full and quite a good many outside. Since our last report, we have had 4 accessions. Most all by relation. We are still encouraged and work harder than ever.

Z. T. LIVENGOD.

Very interesting meetings are progressing at the C. and B. church, conducted by Elder J. A. Ridenour and his brother, A. M. Ridenour. The latter spoke Sunday night on the authenticity of the Scriptures—a very able effort. The house was crowded, and a large number who could not find seats went away. The attendance is good this week.

Mr. Simpson Jones, a one-armed soldier, a fine singer and a teacher of vocal music of much experience accompanies the preaching brethren and conducts the singing. He gives an hour to instruction and practice each evening before preaching (commencing at six). This work is done gratis, and all are invited. Mr. Jones has spent a large sum of money upon his musical education, and is well prepared to teach the science. He is the author of a number of compositions—both vocal and instrumental—of acknowledged merit. All who take an interest in singing should avail themselves of Mr. Jones' daily hour with the class.—*Auburn, Ill. Citizen.*

California Business Meeting.

Camp ground, San Joaquin river, Sept. 16th, 1886.—According to announcement a business meeting was held at 3 p. m., on the camp ground. Eld. J. W. Beer called the meeting to order. Eld. P. J. Brown, from Ohio, was elected moderator; Bro. B. G. Frederick elected secretary.

On motion Eld. J. W. Beer made a statement in regard to the work performed by himself as evangelist and local pastor for the past year in California. Report accepted by the members present.

It was found upon inquiry that there were no funds on hand with which to commence another year's work. Then the question was discussed, how shall the work be furthered for the coming year. After considerable discussion it was decided to elect a Mission Board consisting of five members to hold office for one year, into whose hands the mission work would be placed. Said board to report at next camp meeting. Members of the Board: J. P. Wolf, Sec., Lathrop; B. G. Frederick, Treasurer, Ripon; Samuel Stewart, San Fran-

cisco; John Perrott, Altamont; S. W. Crevdson, Jenny Lind. All money contributed for mission work is to be sent to the Treasurer, B. G. Frederick, Ripon, San Joaquin Co., Cal. Calls for preaching and general correspondence to be directed to J. P. Wolfe, the Sec., Lathrop, Cal.

Are Campmeetings beneficial to us as a church? And should they be continued? was talked over at some length. The feeling of the meeting seemed to be, that our campmeetings, the way we are situated in Cal., scattered as we are, are almost indispensable, and if generally attended, would result in great good. Decided therefore, as the feeling of the meeting, to continue our yearly gatherings.

A Campmeeting Com. was appointed consisting of five members to arrange the time and place of such meetings and give notice through EVANGELIST and by other correspondence.

Campmeeting Committee: W. Shank, Altamont; Henry Ebe, Banta; John Peterman, Banta; Wm. Myers, Lathrop; J. P. Wolfe, Lathrop. Meeting adjourned.

B. G. FREDERICK, Sec.
By J. P. WOLFE.

Dunlap, Ind.

Having received a call from Bro. Rittgers to come to Indiana and help in the ministerial work, I left home on the 8th inst. Stopped at Louisville, O., to bid the brethren there good by. Among them was Bro. A. A. Cober, who is holding a series of meetings at the above place. Bro. C. preaches with a zeal and energy that seldom fails to carry conviction to the sinner's heart. May the good Lord bless his labors for the good of the church at Louisville.

In the evening we took train for the purpose of filling Bro. Rittger's appointments, in order that he might continue the revival work which he had begun at Dunlap.

After several delays and misconnections, I reached Dunlap, Saturday evening just as the sun sank to rest amid the fields of the western prairies.

Being directed to the home of Bro. Garver who lives a short distance from the station and near the church, we bent our steps in that direction, and, much to our pleasure, were met at the door by sister Garver, who at once suspected who we were and soon made us feel that, though strangers in the flesh, we were kindred in spirit. After partaking of refreshments we started for the church. Our feelings of disappointment can possibly be imagined not described when informed that Bro. Rittgers had already gone home to fill his regular appointments. Bro. J. C. Crife was left in charge of the meeting and gave a very able and affecting discourse from the text, "And the spirit and the bride say, come," etc. On Sunday and Sunday evening your humble servant addressed the meeting. Good attendance and good attention was given to the preached word. Much interest seems to have been awakened. Five accessions have been made to the church; three by relation, and two by baptism.

I was expecting when I should meet Bro. Rittgers to meet a giant in intellect and spiritual

power but not a physical giant; but, when on Monday I stood before a man towering six and one half feet in the air, when I looked into a pair of dark black orbs that penetrated to the bottom of the heart, when set upon you, when I saw determination intermingled with love filled from a big heart written upon his face, I then knew in whom lay a power of Northern Indiana.

In behalf of the people among whom I have come I must say, I have never met a kinder hearted people than the brethren and sisters of Indiana.

I am delighted with the country and shall be happy to make my home here provided it be the will of God.

There is a grand prospect for church extension in Indiana. All we want is ministers. I beseech you brethren to pray the Lord that he may send laborers into his vineyard. Pray for those that are here that they may receive strength and power to hold out faithful to the end.

L. W. DITCH.

• Louisville, Ohio.

We commenced our series of meetings on the 3rd inst. Bro. A. A. Cober came on the 5th, and preached for us until the eve of the 15th, when he was obliged to go home to fill his appointments. We were all sorry to part with him.

We had a good meeting, large and attentive congregations. The immediate result, ten accessions; eight by baptism, two by relation, one from the G. B.'s and one sister from the United Brethren, all good, substantial members, who will make us no trouble, but will be very useful and zealous workers in the church. Many others were serious and we hope God's spirit will continue to strive with them until they will come. The church is much edified. Bro. Cober came to us a stranger, but by his good nature, his Christian deportment and his ability as a preacher, has gained the confidence, love and good-will of all and was cordially solicited to come again. Those who can secure the services of Bro. Cober, may consider themselves fortunate, as he is a very able preacher and we can not speak too highly of him. God bless Bro. Cober.

Our Love feast was well attended. Ninety-two communed, last year 65 communed. Our family is increasing. We bless God for his goodness. The dark clouds have passed over and the light and sunshine is beaming upon us. May we be kept humble and faithful is our prayer.

JOSIAH KEIM.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

In a late issue of the EVANGELIST Bro. Mallott expresses the feelings of the Pleasant Hill church, when he says, "Bro. Mason is liked very much by the Brethren here," and we think we know why too. It is because he is the right man in the right place, and is never tired of ministering to the wants and interests of the church. He has the zeal and ability to do more and better than most any other man could do, and he will do it whether it suits his own convenience or not. It seems he has resolved to live and die in the harness; in short, he loves the church and the church loves him. He is always welcomed on his return to fill his monthly appointments at this

place, both by the brethren and those of other denominations.

But while I am saying this much for our dear Bro., I will blame him a little for one thing, and that is for having talked of discontinuing his pastoral labors, and traveling as a Missionary. Now that will not do for him to talk about yet, and while he is doing so well where he is, and being so much needed here, we think we will have something to say to that, if he should talk about it again.

The Brethren here are in earnest, devoted to the highest interests, their spiritual development and progress in the divine life, determined to "press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Our membership is now about seventy, we have been wonderfully built up under the powerful preaching of Bro. Mallott, who will never be forgotten for the noble service in the administration of the word. May God bless him in the grand and glorious work of his calling for which God has so signally fitted him. We think too, that the future of the church at Pleasant Hill is encouraging and by the grace of God, we mean to appropriate the working force that we now have that we may grow in grace and favor with God. When we also hear such good reports as that from Oakville, Ind., under the preaching of Bro. Swihart. We are ready to sing: Praise, God from whom all blessings flow, Praise him all creatures here below."

ELIAS TEETER.

Meyersdale, Pa.

Bro. A. M. Ridenour, of Ohio, began a series of meetings for us September 16th, and continued one week. The interest was good and growing with each service. The time of Bro. Ridenour's stay among us was entirely too short. The meeting was but fairly begun when he left, and we were sorry to give him up so soon, as his services were much appreciated. He is a young man and preaches good sermons. We did not think it proper to close the meeting so soon even if we had no "foreign" talent. We began where Bro. Ridenour "left off" and continued over two Sundays. The result of the effort was 13 additions—10 by baptism, 2 by relation and one reclaimed. Previous to this meeting 4 united by baptism and 1 by relation—making in all 18. The church is in a very prosperous condition. Had communion on the evening of the 25th of Sept. The best of order prevailed during the services, and all who participated felt strengthened in the inner man. Our school numbers over a hundred and is in a flourishing condition. Our prospects, both for school and church are good. This little town of 2,000 inhabitants has 9 organized churches, and of necessity they cannot all increase very rapidly. Most people belong to some church.

A. D. GNAGEY.

College Pledges.

Christ Strayer.....	\$5 00
Elizabeth Arnsberger.....	10 00
Michael Lichty.....	5 00
J. F. Murphy.....	2 00
Nina B. Lichty.....	2 00
Albert Collins.....	5 00
John Swartz.....	10 00
Z. L. Murphy.....	5 00
L. G. Holsinger.....	1 00
S. R. Holsinger.....	3 00
Carrie Holsinger.....	1 00
A. Brother.....	20 00
D. M. Baker.....	25 00